

**Please amend the claims as follows.**

1-55. (cancelled)

56. **(currently amended)** A polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from one or more of:

- a) a nucleotide sequence as set forth in Figure 2A (SEQ ID NO: 6);
- b) a nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide as set forth in Figure 2A (SEQ ID NO: 7) from residues 1-322 or from residues 47-322;
- c) a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide that is at least about 95 percent identical to the polypeptide as set forth in Figure 2A (SEQ ID NO: 7), wherein the isolated polypeptide has at least one activity selected from stimulating T-cell proliferation and/or activation, or binding to CRP1 of Figure 13A (SEQ ID NO:22);
- d) a nucleotide sequence of (b) or (c) encoding a polypeptide fragment of Figure 2A (SEQ ID NO:7) from residues 1-322 or from 47-322 wherein the polypeptide fragment is at least about 50 amino acid residues and has at least one activity selected from stimulating T-cell proliferation and/or activation, or binding to CRP1 of Figure 13A (SEQ ID NO:22);
- e) ~~a nucleotide sequence comprising~~ a fragment of at least about 75 nucleotides of the sequence as set forth in Figure 2A (SEQ ID NO:6) wherein the ~~polypeptide~~ fragment encodes a polypeptide having has at least one activity selected from stimulating T-cell proliferation and/or activation, or binding to CRP1 of Figure 13A (SEQ ID NO:22); and
- f) a nucleotide sequence fully complementary to any of (a)-(e).

57. **(currently amended)** A polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from one or more of:

- a) a nucleotide sequence as set forth in Figure 3A (SEQ ID NO: 11);
- b) a nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide as set forth in Figure 3A (SEQ ID NO: 12) from residues 1-288 or from residues 19-288, 20-288, 21-288, 22-288, 24-288 or 28-288;
- c) a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide that is at least about 95 percent identical to the polypeptide as set forth in Figure 3A (SEQ ID NO: 12), wherein the isolated polypeptide has at least one activity selected from stimulating T-cell proliferation and/or activation, or binding to CRP1 of Figure 13A (SEQ ID NO:22);
- d) a nucleotide sequence of (b) or (c) encoding a polypeptide fragment of residues 1-288 in Figure 3A (SEQ ID NO:12) wherein the fragment is at least about 50 amino acid residues and

has at least one activity selected from stimulating T-cell proliferation and/or activation, or binding to CRP1 of Figure 13A (SEQ ID NO:22);

e) ~~a nucleotide sequence comprising~~ a fragment of at least about 75 nucleotides of the sequence as set forth in Figure 3A (SEQ ID NO:11) wherein the ~~polypeptide-fragment~~ encodes a polypeptide having has at least one activity selected from stimulating T-cell proliferation and/or activation, or binding to CRP1 of Figure 13A (SEQ ID NO:22); and

f) a nucleotide sequence fully complementary to any of (a)-(e),  
wherein the nucleotide sequence does not encode the polypeptide of GenBank Accession No. AB014553.

**58. (currently amended)** An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from one or more of:

- a) an amino acid sequence as set forth in Figure 2A (SEQ ID NO: 7);
- b) a mature amino acid sequence as set forth in Figure 2A (SEQ ID NO: 7) comprising a mature amino terminus at residue 47; and
- c) a fragment of an amino acid sequence set forth in Figure 2A (SEQ ID NO: 7) from residues 1-322 wherein the fragment ~~comprises~~ is at least about 50 amino acid-residues and has at least one activity selected from stimulating T-cell proliferation and/or activation, or binding to CRP1 of Figure 13A (SEQ ID NO:22).

**59. (currently amended)** An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from one or more of:

- a) an amino acid sequence as set forth in Figure 3A (SEQ ID NO: 12);
- b) a mature amino acid sequence as set forth in Figure 3A (SEQ ID NO: 12) comprising a mature amino terminus at any of residues 19, 20, 21, 22, 24 or 28, or as set forth in Figure 12A (SEQ ID NO: 17) comprising a mature amino terminus at any of residues 19,20,21,22,24,or 28; and
- c) a fragment of an amino acid sequence set forth in Figure 3A (SEQ ID NO: 12) from residues 1-288 wherein the fragment comprises an extracellular domain or portion thereof ~~at least about 50 amino acid residues~~ and has at least one activity selected from stimulating T-cell proliferation and/or activation, or binding to CRP1of Figure 13A (SEQ ID NO:22),  
wherein the polypeptide does not have the amino acid sequence in GenBank Accession No. AB014553.

60. **(currently amended)** A composition comprising a polypeptide and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, adjuvant, solubilizer, stabilizer or anti-oxidant, wherein the polypeptide is the isolated polypeptide of Claims 56, 57, 58 or [-]59.

61. **(currently amended)** A polypeptide comprising a derivative of a polypeptide of Claims 56, 57, 58 or [-]59 which is modified with one or more chemical groups.

62. **(currently amended)** The polypeptide of Claim 61 which is ~~covalently~~ modified with a water-soluble polymer.

63. **(currently amended)** A fusion polypeptide comprising a polypeptide of Claims 56, 57, 58 or [-]59 fused to a heterologous amino acid sequence.

64. **(previously presented)** The fusion polypeptide of Claim 63 wherein the heterologous amino acid sequence is an IgG constant domain or fragment thereof.

65. **(previously presented)** An isolated polypeptide of Claim 58 comprising the amino acid sequence as set forth in Figure 2A (SEQ ID NO: 7).

66. **(previously presented)** An isolated polypeptide of Claim 58 consisting of an amino acid sequence as set forth in Figure 2A (SEQ ID NO: 7).

67. **(currently amended)** ~~The isolated polypeptide of Claim 58~~ A polypeptide comprising a fragment of an amino acid sequence as set forth in Figure 2A (SEQ ID NO: 7) ~~comprising at least about 50 amino acid residues~~, wherein the fragment comprises an extracellular domain and has at least one activity selected from stimulating T-cell proliferation and/or activation, or binding to CRP1 of Figure 13A (SEQ ID NO:22).

68. **(currently amended)** ~~An isolated~~ A polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence that is at least about 95 percent identical to an amino acid sequence as set forth in Figure 2A (SEQ ID NO: 6) wherein the isolated polypeptide has at least one activity selected from stimulating T-cell proliferation and/or activation, or binding to CRP1 of Figure 13A (SEQ ID NO:22).

69. **(currently amended)** ~~An isolated~~ A polypeptide ~~comprising a~~ fragment of at least about 50 amino acid residues, ~~wherein the fragment comprises~~ of an amino acid sequence that is at least about 95 percent identical to an amino acid sequence as set forth in Figure 2A (SEQ ID NO: 6) and

wherein the fragment has at least one activity selected from stimulating T-cell proliferation and/or activation, or binding to CRP1 of Figure 13A (SEQ ID NO:22).

70. **(previously presented)** The isolated polypeptide of Claim 59 comprising the amino acid sequence as set forth in Figure 3A (SEQ ID NO: 12) wherein the polypeptide does not have the amino acid sequence of GenBank Accession No. AB104553.

71. **(previously presented)** The isolated polypeptide of Claim 59 consisting of an amino acid sequence as set forth in Figure 3A (SEQ ID NO: 12).

72. **(currently amended)** ~~An isolated~~ A polypeptide comprising a fragment of an amino acid sequence as set forth in Figure 3A (SEQ ID NO: 12) ~~comprising at least about 50 amino acid residues,~~ wherein the fragment comprises an extracellular domain and has at least one activity selected from stimulating T-cell proliferation and/or activation, or binding to CRP1 of Figure 13A (SEQ ID NO:22), wherein the polypeptide does not have the amino acid sequence in GenBank Accession No. AB014553.

73. **(currently amended)** An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence that is at least about 95 percent identical to an amino acid sequence as set forth in Figure 3A (SEQ ID NO: 12), wherein the isolated polypeptide has at least one activity selected from stimulating T-cell proliferation and/or activation, or binding to CRP1 of Figure 13A (SEQ ID NO:22), wherein the polypeptide does not have the amino acid sequence in GenBank Accession No. AB014553.

74. **(currently amended)** ~~An isolated~~ A polypeptide comprising a fragment of at least about 50 amino acid residues, ~~wherein the fragment comprises~~ of an amino acid sequence that is at least about 95 percent identical to an amino acid sequence as set forth in Figure 3A (SEQ ID NO: 12), and wherein the fragment has at least one activity selected from stimulating T-cell proliferation and/or activation, or binding to CRP1 of Figure 13A (SEQ ID NO:22). ~~, wherein the polypeptide does not have the amino acid sequence in GenBank Accession No. AB014553.~~

75. **(currently amended)** An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in Figure 12A (SEQ ID NO:17) with a mature amino terminus at any of residues 19, 20, 21, 22, 24 or 28, wherein the isolated polypeptide has at least one activity selected from stimulating T-cell proliferation and/or activation, or binding to CRP1 of Figure 13A (SEQ ID NO:22).

76. **(currently amended)** An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in Figure 12A (SEQ ID NO:17) comprising a carboxy terminus at residue 302, wherein the isolated polypeptide has at least one activity selected from stimulating T-cell proliferation and/or activation, or binding to CRP1 of Figure 13A (SEQ ID NO:22).

77. **(previously presented)** An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in Figure 12A (SEQ ID NO:17).

78. **(previously presented)** An isolated polypeptide consisting of an amino acid sequence as set forth in Figure 12A (SEQ ID NO:17).

79. **(previously presented)** An isolated polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence as set forth in Figure 3A (SEQ ID NO:11) wherein the nucleotide sequence does not encode the polypeptide of GenBank Accession No. AB014553.

80. **(previously presented)** An isolated polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence as set forth in Figure 12A (SEQ ID NO:16).

81. **(currently amended)** An isolated polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid molecule which is capable of hybridizing over its entire length to a nucleic acid molecule that is complementary to a nucleic acid molecule as set forth in Figure 2A (SEQ ID NO:6) or Figure 3A (SEQ ID NO:11) or Figure 12A (SEQ ID NO:17) under high stringency conditions comprising a hybridization medium of 50% (volume/volume) formamide with 0.1% bovine serum albumin/0.1% ficoll/0.1% polyvinylpyrrolidone/50mM sodium phosphate buffer at pH6.5 with 5 X SSC at 42° C and washes at 42° C in 0.2 X SSC and 0.1% SDS, wherein the polypeptide has at least one activity selected from stimulating T-cell proliferation and/or activation, or binding to CRP1 of Figure 13A (SEQ ID NO:22) and the polypeptide does not have the amino acid sequence of GenBank Accession No. AB014553.

82. **(currently amended)** An isolated polypeptide which is encoded by a nucleic acid molecule comprising a sequence that is at least about 95 percent identical to a nucleic acid as set forth in Figure 2A (SEQ ID NO: 6) or Figure 3A (SEQ ID NO: 16), wherein the isolated polypeptide has at least one activity selected from stimulating T-cell proliferation and/or activation, or binding to CRP1 of Figure 13A (SEQ ID NO:22), wherein the polypeptide does not have the amino acid sequence in GenBank Accession No. AB014553.

83. **(cancelled)** An isolated polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence as set forth in Figure 12A (SEQ ID NO:16).

84. **(currently amended)** A polypeptide produced by a process comprising growing a culture of a host cell in suitable culture medium and isolating the polypeptide so produced, wherein the host cell comprises a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide of Claims 56, 57, 58 or [-]59.

85. **(currently amended)** A polypeptide produced by expression of a nucleic acid molecule comprising the nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide of Claims 56, 57, 58 or [-]59.